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Invention: RECORDING MEDIA DRIVE DEVICE WITH A FREELY-DETACHABLE FRONT PANEL (as amended)

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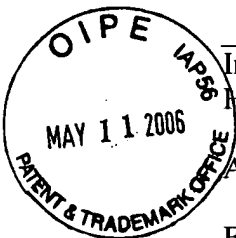
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both annotated sheets and replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 10 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.